

**Approved Minutes**

**Meeting #622**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:30pm**

**Zoom**

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**The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and confirmed quorum**

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**No conflicts were declared**

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**James Allan, Vice President (Advancement), presented the Territorial Acknowledgment and then highlighted inclusive practices in his portfolio, including that the Advancement staff and Alumni Association Board members are engaging in a variety of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) and Indigenous Strategy trainings and workshops and that measurable goals have been set.**

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**Nick Holt, Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology, and Albert Ianatino, Director of the Active Living and Outdoor Centre, presented the Safety Moment, including**

**Kinesiology's diverse facilities, including classrooms, pools, gymnasiums, and outdoor locations, necessitate a shared responsibility for safety, and this is part of the culture of the Faculty. Risks to safety include slips, trips, and falls, biohazards, chemical hazards, equipment mishaps, and fire. Risks are mitigated by holding site-specific orientations for staff and the public, having hazard assessment control procedures, and conducting inspections of spaces.**

**Kinesiology also prioritises psychological safety and has an environment that supports interpersonal risk taking, asking for help, admitting error, and expressing different ideas.**

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**Ed McGaley, Chair, included the following in his remarks:**

**Kristen Nepoly, new Graduate Students' Association Vice President (Academic), Sandra Anin, new Students' Union Vice President (Academic), and several new undergraduate student Faculty representatives were acknowledged.**

**A number of positive events have recently been held, including**

**March 13, 2023 was the official opening of The Summit: Marian & Jim Simreave Centre for Youth Resilience, a mental health facility that will provide Calgary area youth and their families with access to publicly funded mental health services and which will develop new clinical interventions in a partnership between the University and Alberta Health Services.**

**The completion of Mathison Hill was celebrated with a pipe ceremony on March 20, 2023.**

**The 'You at UCalgary' event for incoming undergraduate students was held April 1, 2023.**

**Hon. Jean Chretien attended the University on April 18, 2023 for a fireside chat and reception with students in Law, Public Policy, and Political Science.**

The 2023 provincial budget includes funding for two of the University's proposals for targeted endowment expansion, the Master of Physician Assistant program and the Bachelor of Nursing program

It has been announced that the University's 'One Child Every Child' research initiative has been granted \$125 million in Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) funding

The writ has been dropped commencing the 2023 Alberta provincial general election

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Renny Wathner, Vice-Chair, included the following in her remarks

The University was awarded a Dimensions Construction award in April 2023 to recognize that the University is addressing BDA in a strategic and coordinated way and committed to cultural change

Gina Grandy has been appointed as the new Dean of the Haskayne School of Business, starting in September 2023. Congratulations!

The Students' Union's Teaching Excellence Awards recognition event was held on April 19, 2023

The 2023 Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching was held April 26-28, with the theme of blended and online learning and the Taylor Institute team is congratulated on this event

Convocation will be held May 29-June 2, 2023, and members are encouraged to attend their Faculty's ceremony

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There were no questions

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Documentation was circulated with the Agenda

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That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on March 9, 2023 be approved

## Highlights

The proponents reported that this proposal is the first of a number of initiatives in the Faculty of Science to drive solutions to current challenges, and then provided an overview of the proposal to rename the Department of Geoscience, including the timeline, reasons for the change, and consultation conducted. The proponents noted that changing the name to the Department of Earth, Energy, and Environment will allow the department to refine its identity and grow its programs, and better reflects its transdisciplinarity.

Discussion included that transdisciplinarity across units is challenging but there is excitement for future partnerships between the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts and great promise for positive work for all faculty and students interested in Earth, Energy, and Environment studies.

In response to a question, it was reported that deciding upon the new name was challenging and it was chosen because it reflects the three pillars envisioned for the department's future. It was noted that 'Earth' and 'Environment' are seen to be different, and it was further noted that there is a plan to move the Environmental Science program to the department in the future.

**That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the name change of the Department of Geoscience to the Department of Earth, Energy, and Environment, effective September 1, 2023, as presented to the GFC and as recommended by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.**

**Highlights**

**The proponent reported that the Aboriginal Student Admissions Policy is no longer needed because the University has developed other good practices relating to this**

**There were no questions**

**That the General Faculties Council (GFC) retire the Aboriginal Student Admissions Policy, as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee**

Staff, Office of the President, and Corey Hagan, Associate Vice President (Communications) and Chief Communications Officer; Office of Advancement, presented this item Aritha Van Herk, Mhammad Keyhari, and Adam Poliseda, working group members, were also in attendance

### Highlights

The proponents remained that the Strategic Plan will reflect the collective culture and values of the University and will crosscut all of the work that is done at the University. The proponents then provided an overview of the development of the Strategic Plan, including the timeline, environmental scan, consultation process including workshops and surveys, circulation of a 'what we heard' report, drafting and refinement process, and approval routing

The proponents reported on the feedback received since the first draft of the Strategic Plan was released in March, and described the revisions made to result in the draft being presented today

### Discussion included

The provision of one semester of financial support for first-in-family students (Strategy 1, Initiative 2), the provision of increased graduate student financial support (Strategy 1, Initiative 1), and the expressions of connection to community throughout the document were applauded

The word 'entrepreneurial' is used a lot in the document and it was suggested that a definition of this and what it means to the University be included. It was observed that







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**Documentation was circulated with the Agendas 'In Package Only' for information**

- a) Report on the March 15, April 11 and April 28, 2023 GFC Executive Committee Meetings**
- b) Report on the March 13, March 27, and April 17, 2023 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meetings**
- c) Report on the March 14 and April 18, 2023 Teaching and Learning Committee Meetings**
- d) Report on the March 16 and April 20, 2023 Research and Scholarship Committee Meetings**
- e) Report on the March 23, 2023 Senate Meeting**
- f) Report on the March 24, 2023 Board of Governors Meeting**

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**There was no other business**

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<b>The May 11, 2023 General Faculties Council meeting was adjourned by consensus.</b>
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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm**

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**Courtney McVie  
University Secretary**